

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 900 - HB 1244

March 23, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires an adult convicted of the Class A misdemeanor offense of contributing to the delinquency of a minor to serve 11 months and 29 days if the offense involved giving or permitting a child to buy or obtain a product that is unlawful for the child to possess and as a result the child causes the death of another.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$182,400*

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, there has been an average of 105 state court convictions for the Class A misdemeanor for contributing to the delinquency of a minor in each of the past five years. State court convictions are 10 percent of the total convictions. Total convictions, including general sessions courts, are estimated to be an average of 1,050 per year. One percent (10.5) of the total is estimated to result in the death of another.
- According to the Department of Correction, the average cost per offender per day for county jails is \$45.55. Eleven offenders will serve 364 days in a county facility at a cost of \$182,382.22 (\$45.55 x 364 days x 11).

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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